



# DKH Newsletter 29th November 2024



## A Message from our Deputy Headteacher



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

With the Christmas Holidays fast approaching, here is just a reminder of some of the upcoming events that we are hosting here at Dog Kennel Hill Primary School.

On **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December**, Year **5 and 6** will be having their Christmas performance at the **William Booth College Concert Hall** (opposite Denmark Hill Station) alongside the Salvation Army brass band at **10:00**.

On the same day, DKH will be hosting a **Winter Fair** from **15:30-17:00** and then a **Disco** at **18:00-20:00!** Come along for some festive food, music and a raffle!

On **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December, Nursery and Reception**, will be having their Christmas performance in school at **9:00**.

On **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, Years 3 and 4**, will be having their Christmas performance in school at **9:00**.

On **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**, is our **Christmas Lunch** and **Christmas Jumper Day!**

On **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December, Year 1 and 2** will have their Christmas Performance in school at **9:00**.

We look forward to you joining in with our festive fun!

## Attendance

<b>Caterpillar</b>	81.4%	<b>Willow</b>	86.9%
<b>Elder</b>	85.5%	<b>Beech</b>	93.5%
<b>Cedar</b>	95.9%	<b>Hazel</b>	95.5%
<b>Maple</b>	98.1%	<b>Oak</b>	94.9%

## Charles' Friday Fact

Did you know that the African Nimbus Shovel Snouted Lizard walks with two of its feet in the air at a time.





## Makaton Sign of the Week

Makaton is a language with speech, signs and symbols used to support people who have difficulty communicating. We teach it to all of our children and staff so that we can become even more inclusive as a school. This week our Makaton signs is "more".



**More**

## ★ Stars of the Week ★

We would like to recognize the children who have been great examples of our School values and have shown a true commitment to their learning. Well done!

<b>Reception</b>	<b>Arthur</b> for joining in with the class carpet sessions. <b>Boen</b> for starting to blend sounds together to read words.
<b>Willow</b>	<b>Efahan</b> for being a kind and caring friend, always looking out for others. <b>Amelia</b> for working hard on the carpet and making sure she is listening and looking at the teacher. Well done!
<b>Elder</b>	<b>Ace</b> for working hard on his handwriting – great work, keep it up! <b>Ariana</b> for working hard to improve her Maths. I can see you really thinking about your learning – well done!
<b>Beech</b>	<b>Lia</b> for using fronted adverbials to add more information and detail in your writing. <b>Bene</b> for showing curiosity and dedication to your learning by asking insightful questions. You show eagerness to explore and deepen your understanding of the world around you.
<b>Cedar</b>	<b>Scarlett</b> for a fantastic week of creativity in Music, Reading and Art. Brilliant! <b>Aiya</b> for good focus during Reading sessions with Mr Soobhee.
<b>Hazel</b>	<b>Seyram</b> for dealing with any challenges and change in a positive manner <b>Geoffrey</b> for good work on solving division calculations with remainders in a problem solving context.
<b>Maple</b>	<b>Anas</b> for being such a fantastic pupil this week, always ready to learn and putting in 100% effort! <b>Favour</b> for always showing kindness and care and supporting her peers in class!
<b>Oak</b>	<b>Daniel</b> for using sentence opener prompts when answering questions in class. <b>Emmanuel</b> for always giving his best and showing that he's ready to learn



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### Hazel Dance Class



We caught up with our Year 5 children who were getting to grips with some new dance steps choreographed by our very own Dance Guru, Chantal Joseph of Pioneer Dance has been teaching Dance in schools for over twenty years now.

Pioneer Dance provides highly active and inspiring dance sessions across London. Established in 2004 by Chantal Joseph, the birth of the company was a chance for her and like minded fellow dance performers to share their, skills and knowledge of dance in a teaching capacity.

Take a look at our video of the practice run through shot this morning. They are looking so good! We can't wait until they have all mastered their steps and positions and we get to see the final performance. Well done Year 6 and a huge thank you to Chantal for working so hard.

Shortlink to blog and video here: <https://bit.ly/3VcyLEK>



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### Beech Class Christmas Choir Rehearsals



We joined our Beech class today as they begin their rehearsals for the forthcoming Christmas productions that they will be wowing us all in the coming month leading up to the Christmas break.

Here we see our class as they showcase their angelic voices that will be filling the school with Christmas cheer and seasons greetings. We hope you enjoy this little taster of things to come.

Shortlink to blog and video here: <https://bit.ly/3ZbXt9F>





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## Cedar Class Learning: Antarctica and Ernest Shackleton

Cedar Class have been learning about the South Pole and The Endurance Exhibition with Shackleton and his crew. In **English**, we have written job applications and diaries in the role of the photographer Frank Hurley.



In **Topic work**, we have been writing postcards from Antarctica describing the landscape and our duties as scientists.



In **Art**, we have sketched snow dog portraits and have added a colourful background.





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## Dates for your Diary

<b>06/12/2024</b>	Year 5 and 6 performance at the Salvation Army hall @ 9am
<b>06/12/2024</b>	Winter Fair 15:30-17:00 and Disco 18:00-20:00
<b>09/12/2024</b>	EYFS performance @ 9am
<b>10/12/2024</b>	Year 3 and 4 performance @ 9am
<b>13/12/2024</b>	Xmas lunch and Xmas Jumper day
<b>16/12/2024</b>	Year 1 and 2 performance @ 9am
<b>20/12/2024</b>	Last day of Term. Children finish at 3:30
<b>21/12/2024- 5/01/2025</b>	<b>School closed for Christmas holidays</b>
<b>6/01/2025</b>	First Day back of School



# Breakfast and Afterschool Club



Come and join us for our Breakfast and Afterschool Clubs!

**Breakfast club** will start at 7.45am- This will include breakfast of cereal or toast and will cost £5.00 per day

**After School club**- Light snack and sports activities and games and will cost:

1 Hour £6.00

2 Hour £12.00

Full session (2 1/2 hours) £15.00

Snacks will only be offered to children staying over 1 hour.

We are able to offer a discount to families that wish to book a full week after school club and this is charged at £65.00 per week.

Wraparound Care (ASC) will not be suitable for Nursey pupils (5 years old+).

Please see Carrie in the Office for more information!

### Club Donations

We would really welcome donations of games and jigsaws for our clubs! Please drop any off to the Office!



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All absences need to be reported using **Study Bugs** and a reason must be given. This helps us track and monitor illness, helps to minimise spread and we have a duty of care to see where all children are and follow this up. Please ensure you report the absence each day, unless it is vomiting and diarrhoea or unless you have spoken to the Office and been advised to keep your child at home.



# Download the Studybugs app for reporting your child's absence.

A quick and secure way to report absence due to illness and send messages to school.



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**NHS**

South London  
Children and Young  
People's Community  
Immunisation Service

## **Missed your flu vaccine?**

**Live or go to school in the borough of  
Southwark? Aged 4-16?**

Come down to a flu catch-up clinic and  
protect yourself this winter!

**Saturday 23 November, 10:00 - 14:00  
Big Yellow Storage, Southampton Way,  
SE5 7SW**

**Saturday 30 November, 10:00 - 14:00  
Big Yellow Storage, Southampton Way,  
SE5 7SW**

**Saturday 7 December, 10:00 - 14:00  
Big Yellow Storage, Southampton Way,  
SE5 7SW**

**No need to book an appointment.  
Call 020 8614 5496 for more**



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# WINTER *Fair & Disco*

MUSIC  
RAFFLE  
HOT CHOC  
FESTIVE FOOD  
SANTA

**6TH**

DECEMBER 24  
DOG KENNEL HILL  
PRIMARY

**3.30 - 5**

WINTER FAIR  
ARTS AND CRAFTS

**6-8**

WINTER DISCO



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**Entry £3.50**

**HO HO HO**

**6TH DECEMBER**

**6-8PM**

**DKH WINTER DISCO**

**REFRESHMENTS & DANCING**

**INCLUDING BURGERS, HOT DOGS, NUGGETS AND FRIES**





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# Christmas Fundraiser



Saturday 7th December,  
11am-2pm

Within Lettsom Gardens, SE5 8DF

Stocking fillers of jams and infusions.  
Take part in the tombola and enter the raffle for a  
chance to win a hamper.



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## Christmas Performances at DKH

With Christmas just around the corner now, DKH Primary are preparing for their end of term Christmas performances! The dates are set and the teams have been busy preparing for the forthcoming rehearsals. Below you will find a quick insight into each performance ranging from our very youngest children through to our Year sixers.

Please make sure that these dates are in your diary and that you can come along and enjoy the shows with us.



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### Early Years Christmas Performance!

**Date:** Monday 9th December 2024

**Time:** 9am

#### **Overview:**

This amazing performance is a homage to all things Christmassy. The children offer a series of fun and familiar songs and carols about "Snow Falling", "Santa Claus", "Jingling Bell" (we all know that song, I'm sure!), a very friendly Reindeer named "Rudolph", "Oh Christmas Tree" and of course, Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without the time old classic, "We Wish You A Merry Christmas"!!!

The children are so looking forward to performing for you all so please do join us. More information will be circulated nearer the time but please get the date into your diary today!



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### **Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance!**

**Date:** Monday 16th December 2024

**Time:** 9am

#### **Overview:**

This year, our Year 1 and 2 children will be performing a fantastic Christmas Nativity adaption entitled "A Little Bird Told Me!" A Little Bird Told Me is an amazing nativity for children in which a little bird tells some exciting news about the birth of a very special King.

Rehearsals will soon be underway and our cast and crew are incredibly excited about putting on a great show for you all. Remember, Monday 16th November at 9am. More information is coming soon but get the date in your diary now!





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### Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance!

**Date:** Tuesday 10th November 2024

**Time:** 9am

#### **Overview:**

It's going to be a very Arctic Christmas for years 3 and 4 as they bring us a fountain of festive cheer this year with a spectacular Christmas Concert! Our fabulous performers will be offering a fun packed morning of Christmas songs, carols, poems and dance to see us into the festive season ahead!

Join us on Tuesday 10th November at 9am. We look forward to seeing you all and hopefully, you'll join us in a Carol or two.



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### Year 5 and 6 Christmas Concert!

**Date:** Friday 6th December 2024

**Location:** Salvation Army Hall (Opposite Denmark Hill Station)

**Time:** TBC but an AM slot

#### **Overview:**

This year our year 5 and 6 children will be wowing us with a plethora of festive songs, carols and poems to fill our hearts with Christmas spirit in preparation for the holiday season ahead. We will be very graciously hosted by our friends from the Salvation Army, who have very kindly offered to allow us to use their Headquarters in Champion Park for this year's performance. More information on the expected start time will be announced in due course and a location map to the site can be found below.

So that's Friday 6th December 2024 at The Salvation Army Hall in Champion Park. Confirmed start time will be announced soon but we envisage a 9:30am start. Please pencil in that date!

Hall Location Map:

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/e23zGMmnrnXMN3zYQ7>





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# Children's Winter Clothes & Toys Swap



Free new and pre-loved items giving back to help families through the cost of living crisis.

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December**  
**10:00 - 3:00pm (Last entry 2:30pm)**

**Location:** Get Rid of and Donate Community Hub  
St Faith's Community Centre, Red Post Hill, SE24 9JQ

**Transportation:** Bus P4 (from Brixton or Lewisham) or Bus 42 (from Camberwell)  
brings you outside the community centre to Sunray avenue



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## Free Workshops for Parents and Carers

Do you want more guidance on how to talk to your children, teens and young people about vaping, alcohol or drugs? Do you want to be informed on the current themes and trends we come across working with young people in the borough?

Substances are more accessible today than ever before. For parents, carers or anyone responsible for children and young people, it can feel overwhelming and difficult to know how to respond.

We're offering FREE online workshops for parents and carers in Southwark, to give advice and guidance to help you navigate this quickly changing landscape.



### We'll cover:

- Current trends amongst young people
- Strategies for talking to young people about substances in an open and supportive way
- Practical advice on how to keep your children safe from the dangers of substance misuse



For further information contact:

- Email: [Southwark.YoungPeople@cgl.org.uk](mailto:Southwark.YoungPeople@cgl.org.uk) or scan the QR code for a direct link to the eventbrite page.
- You can call us on: **020 3404 7699**

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